

Information on sprinkler requirements for facilities 16 beds or less

The following are the “specifications” for the required sprinkler system for residential care or assisted living facilities that are licensed for 16 or less beds. We suggest that the facility owner contact their local building/fire departments regarding any requirements they may have on the sprinkler system installation that may be more restrictive than the requirements of this office.

The specifications as set forth in the Life Safety Code, Residential Board and Care, Impractical Evacuation Capability are as follows:

The required fire sprinkler system shall be designed, at a minimum, to the requirements set forth in the NFPA Std 13D, Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes, 1999: and, as modified in the Life Safety Code, 2000 Edition, Chapter 33, Existing Residential Board and Care, Impractical Evacuation Capability. Sprinkler coverage shall be provided throughout all habitable spaces and closets of the building/facility. Installation shall be by a fire sprinkler contractor licensed by the Idaho State Fire Marshall’s office. It is strongly recommended that sprinkler system shop drawings and hydraulic calculations be submitted to the Bureau of Facility Standards for review/comment prior to installation.

A list of fire sprinkler contractors licensed by the State of Idaho can be downloaded at the following site:

http://www.doi.state.id.us/sfm/spcontractor_list.xls.